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GENEROUS SENATORS.

Senator Smoot found a happy solution of a somewhat difficult problem when he suggested that a purse be made up by the members of the Senate committee on claims, for the benefit of Mrs. Harris, a nurse of the Civil War, instead of reporting the bill for her relief, in the Senate. The object of the bill was accomplished, and at the same time notice was given that cases of this kind, though worthy and deserving, are not properly subjects for Congressional legislation. There can be no doubt that women, who, like Mrs. Harris, spend their time and means comforting and nursing the wounded soldiers during the war, should be provided for in their advanced age, if they are not able to take care of themselves, but it would seem that the communities in which they live would be in a better position to look after them than the general government. The generous contribution of Senator Smoot was followed by equally generous additions by the other members, and the result is that Mrs. Harris will receive \$1,650 from the Senate committee. And perhaps other contributions will be prompted by the action of the committee.

ROOSEVELT ON PEACE.

Mr. Roosevelt, in his address before the Nobel prize commission, Christianity, stated his position on the peace question quite clearly. In the first part of the speech he emphasized the necessity of being strong enough to fight, and ready to resort to force, in the second part he talked peace. In other words, he elaborated upon the familiar, "Rooseveltian" bon mot: "Speak softly, and carry a big stick."

It must be admitted that that is just what the present conditions seem to require. Ever since the universal prevalence of Bismarckian militarism peace seems to have been conditional on big armies and navies, and there has seemed to be no help for it. Militarism has simply fastened itself upon the shoulders of nations, and they have not been able to throw the monster off, neither by night nor day.

But this is temporary. Conditions are changing. Statesmen are planning and laboring for the general acceptance of a substitute for armies and navies. The enlightened men and women of the world are aiding them. And because of this work of education the views of a man in the position of Mr. Roosevelt on what can, and ought to, be done to reach the desirable goal, are of great value.

Mr. Roosevelt urged the extensive use of treaties between nations, covering, if possible, all subjects that might develop serious international differences; the establishment of permanent courts of arbitration; and the limitation of armaments by general consent.

That is, exactly, the program of the advocates of peace all over the world. But, possibly, the masses of the nations are not yet fully prepared for a total apostasy from the cult of Mars. Possibly they are not prepared for a universal disarmament. But the time will come when the children of men will look back upon the barbarous age of war, just as we do upon the age of human sacrifices.

RANK OF MARK TWAIN.

We are somewhat gratified to find ourselves in line with contemporary opinion in according to Mark Twain the rank of the most typical American. The Inter-Ocean of April 29th concludes that the dominating influence that appears in all his works was a sturdy Americanism; that rare combination of human sympathy, humor, irony, pathos, scorn of hypocrisy, indignation at wrong, assertion of human equality, contempt and positive hatred for the indefensible distinctions of caste.

As this conclusion accords substantially with our own previously expressed conviction as to the unique place and high rank of this man, it is worth while to note the further points of similarity between the findings of the Inter-Ocean and those of this paper. Our esteemed contemporary states the rank of Mark Twain in this way:

"If we start with the idea of Mark Twain as an American, the most typically American in viewpoint and sympathies of all the authors we can boast, we have the key to much. As an American carrying the pioneer instinct into literature he discovered the American boy—Tom Sawyer.

"As an American he satirized the fables of nobility and surviving European mediocrity. As an American he instinctively found an almost empty field on the center of this great continent.

"As an American he traveled and criticized at home and abroad. Never at a moment an attitude of detachment. Always the authentic accent and point of view!

"Where does all this lead to? Simply this: If our literary rolls were closed, we should have to say that Mark Twain bears about the same commanding relation to American literature that Moliere does to France and Cervantes to Spanish literature."

"And it may well be that the future will accord to the American humorist a place as high in our own literature as that held in theirs by the authors named."

This does not mean that Mark Twain may be as great as they, for it is not easy to estimate one writer in terms of another; and greatness is a many-

sided quality. It means only that our humorist was a great character, but as to whether he was greater or lesser in intellect and endowment than others, who can say? For such a guess, the judgment of posterity is usually surer than that of contemporaneous criticism, but even the combined judgment of after generations is but the expression of certain men's opinions. As to the relative greatness of great men, all that we can do is to come to a rough average, which is, no doubt, near enough for all practical purposes. Moreover, it is not mankind that is the final judge of the merits of men.

LECTURES FOR FARMERS.

We learn from "Hjorten," the Danish weekly publication of the Church, that Professor Bernhard Boeghild, of the Danish Royal Agricultural college, Copenhagen, has been engaged by the Danish-American association to give a lecture tour in this country, during the months of May, June and July. This should be an important announcement to all interested in farm and dairy products, for Professor Boeghild is one of the great authorities on dairying and kindred topics. It is generally conceded that his activity has increased the value of Danish exports by millions of dollars, and it is known that other countries are profiting by the experience of Denmark. Of a letter from the Secretary of the Danish-American association, Chicago, we learn that leading dairy authorities in the United States have extended a hearty welcome to the Danish lecturer and scientist, and that applications for lectures are coming in from all parts of the country. His first lecture has been scheduled at Columbia University on May 25th or 26th. Another lecture will be arranged in New York City under the combined auspices of the New York County Medical association and the New York Milk committee. Both Dr. Lederle, Health Commissioner of New York, and Prof. R. A. Pearson, New York Commissioner of Agriculture, are showing great interest in the professor's visit, and not only desire that our dairymen and sanitarians shall profit as much as possible, but also that an opportunity shall be given Professor Boeghild to see and learn all he can about America. Professor Boeghild is engaged to lecture at Cornell University on May 26th, 27th and 28th. From there he will make his tour of the West, lecturing at Indianapolis, University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, State College at Brookings, and other institutions, besides addressing his countrymen at the principal Danish-American settlements in the country. While in Chicago, in the middle of May, the Professor will deliver an address on "The Milk Supply of Copenhagen," on May 18th, under the auspices of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Denmark, it is well known, has produced wonders in the line of farm products. Less than sixty years ago, the beautiful little country was almost bankrupt and exhausted by an unequal conflict with an aggressive neighbor. Then the people turned to the soil and through diligent and intelligent application they have become prosperous and independent. Denmark has no mines, and no factories of great importance, but it has a system whereby it makes the most of the soil, and it has become famous for grain, vegetables, pork, and especially for butter and eggs. Its markets are Germany, England, and other countries of Europe, and lately it has extended its shipments to India, Siam and Porto Rico.

Dr. Egan, the American minister to Denmark, during a recent visit in this country, in a newspaper interview, explained that the Danish farmers have gained their aim by a careful system of co-operation and of intensive cultivation on the French and Belgian plan. So important has the Dane become in agriculture, that the Irish farmer today is growing prosperous by adopting the Dane's methods. One of the greatest things that Sir Horace Plunkett did for the benefit of Irish agriculture was to study the Danish methods. These he has introduced into Ireland, and the Irish farmer is rapidly becoming, not only independent, but rich. It gave me great pleasure, Dr. Egan said, to find during a trip to the State of Minnesota that Mr. Hill's ideas are beginning to prove effective, and that in that great State the farmers are ceasing to be speculators and have realized the value of making every inch of soil count.

The Danish farmer does not need a large farm, and he does not want any more land than he can utilize to advantage. His holding is moderate and the greater part of the work is done by himself and his sons; or, if possible, one of his sons will possess himself of an adjoining farm, with the assurance of a comfortable subsistence. In the summer, however, the farmer's sons sometimes prefer to attend the schools, then the rough work of the farm is done by Poles who are imported for that purpose. Nearly every farmer's son and daughter has had a course in one of the schools, founded by Bishop Grundtvig, who instilled into the nation a taste for history, for music, for literature, and to them the cultivation of the soil is no longer drudgery. They bring intelligence and enthusiasm to the farm.

Professor Boeghild comes to this country to tell the people something about Danish farming and dairying. Farmers everywhere should be given an opportunity to hear him. He lectures in English as well as Danish.

And why not a mother-in-law day?

The joy ride seems to be a joy forever.

All children are believers in the big stick—of candy.

The census enumerators have turned the State into a counting house.

No matter where he is, Colonel Roosevelt is always in his element.

The French academy has decided that "automobile" is feminine. La!

How fortunate there are no mov-

ing phonographs of the garulous pugilists.

It is evident that Secretary Ballinger does not love Neighbor Garfield as himself.

Many a watch dog of the treasury is there for the purpose of snapping up the scraps.

Many people would rather make foot-prints on a newly made lawn than on the sands of time.

The crack of the party whip doesn't even make the "insurgents" pay attention any longer.

Senator Aldrich is determined that so far as he is concerned there shall be no lack of a warning voice.

It may also be said in praise of Colonel Roosevelt's address on "International Peace" that he did not quote Milton.

Down in Georgia they garb convicts in Mother Hubbard. Of course the wearers of them cannot keep their skirts clear of crime.

President Taft acts for justice and a square deal. A simple, straightforward request but how seldom it is honestly complied with.

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

WHY JOHN T. RAYMOND QUIT STARRING IN MARK TWAIN'S PLAY.

By J. E. Edwards.
This daily series of anecdotes and incidents that throw new, interesting and frequently comic light on famous events and personalities of the past have been collected by Edwards during nearly forty years of more or less intimate acquaintance with many of the country's leaders since the Civil War. Each anecdote or incident is fresh from Mr. Edwards' notebook, and either in whole or in part, it constitutes New News of Yesterday, gathered from the men who made the news—the history—or from equally authoritative sources. As important contributions of the "Human Interest" sort of American history, these articles have a distinctive value all their own.

Some years after John T. Raymond, who died in 1886, had made his great historic hit as Col. Mulberry Sellers in a dramatization of Mark Twain's book, "The Glided Age," a character, according to one authority, "that came, completely identified, with his own breezy optimism." I met him one afternoon as he was entering the old Willard's hotel in Washington. He beckoned me to one side.

"I have made up my mind to buy a play written by David D. Lloyd, a Washington newspaper correspondent, you probably know," he said. "I have been thinking of it for some time. I read it to me this morning, and I am going to produce it just as soon as I can close my present contract."

"Why," I said, "what do you want with a new play, Mr. Raymond? 'The Glided Age' ought to be good for 19 years yet. It has given you a national reputation and should be making you rich."

The comedian smiled a dry sort of smile. "Oh, that play has given me a reputation, all right," he said. "But reputation is not milk and honey, and that's why I am soon going to be done with 'The Glided Age' forever—yes, forever. I have got tired of playing Col. Sellers to packed houses and finding out, when figuring up accounts, that I have made just about enough to pay the expenses of my company and to draw for myself a 'ham father's' salary."

"Everybody has supposed that you were making a fortune out of the play," I said.

Mr. Raymond struck the familiar attitude of Col. Sellers in the play, when that worthy, in describing the eye-wash sales, "There's millions in it!" "Oh," exclaimed Raymond, with a red hand, "there's millions in it—there's millions in it—but they are for Mark Twain and not for John T. Raymond."

"You see, it's this way. When the book, 'The Glided Age,' appeared I got one of the first copies and the instant I ran across the character of Col. Sellers I said, 'Remember, this year I'll produce a play about Col. Sellers off

fine, forcible spray. Do not try to hit the dandelions only but cover every square inch of the lawn. In this way all seedling plants will be killed. Put on a second application in two or three weeks and a third and possibly a fourth later in summer if any of the dandelions start into growth. The grass will be blackened for a short time but soon recovers and after a water and mowing will appear darker green than before. Do not allow the solution to get on cement or stone walks as it produces a rather permanent yellow stain."

The favorite Friday afternoon speaking piece of the boys and girls is "Curfew must not toll tonight." The juvenile court says that it will.

It is suggested that President Taft may veto the railroad bill. At this juncture it doesn't look as though there would be enough left of it to veto.

Senator Heyburn says it is regrettable that the Senate should be turned into a "giggling school." If it has, is it not a fit complement to a "house of mirth?"

Ex-Senator William E. Mason says he believes that fifty per cent of the seats in the United States Senate can be sold practically to have been purchased. Is his belief the result of observation or of experience?

The Senate has passed the House bill providing for the raising of the Maine. The wreck of the ill-fated warship in Havana harbor has been a standing, or rather sunken, disgrace to the United States for over half a decade. It will now be removed.

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"I see befo' me ten chicken thieves, including that Calhoun Clay. I shall produce Lloyd's 'For Congress' and open right here with it in Washington. Then let's see if Mark Twain can find another Colonel Sellers on the Baltic, in New York, or anywhere else."

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